

## CHAPTER 24:40:09

### ROBERT C. BYRD HONORS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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**24:40:09:03. Application requirements.** Applicants meeting the eligibility requirements and desiring to participate in the Robert C. Byrd scholarship program shall complete and submit an application to the department. Applications, available from public and private high school counselors or the department, must be submitted by ~~May 1~~

the third Friday of March of the year the applicant desires to receive funds. Initial applications must include a statement from the high school guidance counselor stating that the applicant meets the selection criteria, the applicant's most recent transcript, and the applicant's application to or the acceptance letter from the institution of higher education where the applicant plans to attend.

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**24:40:09:04. Selection criteria.** To be selected for a scholarship, an applicant must have a grade point average of at least 3.5 on an unweighted 4.0 scale, ~~or the equivalent on a weighted scale,~~ through the end of the term most recently completed by the applicant; and have an American College Test (ACT) score of 30 or above.

Applicants meeting these criteria shall be ranked according to ACT score. Applicants with the same ACT score shall be ranked by grade point average.

Scholarships are selected from each of the four divisions of the South Dakota federal district court according to the following calculations:

(1) Divide the total number of available awards by the total eligible applicants statewide to arrive at the percentage of eligible applicants receiving an award;

(2) Apply the percentage derived in subdivision (1) to the number of eligible applicants in each division of the South Dakota federal district court to determine how many eligible applicants per division shall receive an award;

(3) The awards are then granted to eligible applicants in rank order by division with the number of awards per division as determined in subdivision (2). A minimum of one award is made in each division.

**South Dakota Federal District Court Divisions**

<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>Northern</b>	<b>Southern</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>Western</b>
<b>COUNTIES</b>	Brown	Aurora	Buffalo	Bennett
	Campbell	Beadle	Dewey	Butte
	Clark	Bon Homme	Faulk	Custer
	Codington	Brookings	Gregory	Fall River
	Corson	Brule	Haakon	Harding
	Day	Charles Mix	Hand	Jackson

	Deuel	Clay	Hughes	Lawrence
	Edmunds	Davison	Hyde	Meade
	Grant	Douglas	Jerauld	Pennington
	Hamlin	Hanson	Jones	Perkins
	McPherson	Hutchinson	Lyman	Shannon
	Marshall	Kingsbury	Mellette	
	Roberts	Lake	Potter	
	Spink	Lincoln	Stanley	
	Walworth	McCook	Sully	
		Miner	Todd	
		Minnehaha	Tripp	
		Moody	Ziebach	
		Sanborn		
		Turner		
		Union		
		Yankton		

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